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1. The Mezokovesd airfield, under construction as of May 1956, is known by the code name G-XX. The runway's direction closely parallels a line drawn from Mezokovesd to Miskolc. Some construction materials were received via the railroad station at Klementina.

2. The airfield is on some of Hungary's best farmland. [redacted] completion is planned for 1957 and it will be used for Soviet heavy jet bombers. 25X1

3. Work on the airfield began in the spring of 1955 and [redacted] in April 1956 work had begun on the runway underbedding. [redacted] a Soviet lieutenant colonel visited the site with a Hungarian officer of unknown rank and an interpreter. The Soviet officer expressed dissatisfaction with the gravel being used and told the Hungarian officer that another type of gravel would have to be ordered. Until then we had taken the gravel from a pit on the northwest edge of Mezokovesd. After that, gravel was hauled by train from Mezonyvesd. [redacted] the Soviet officer objected to the use of pit ballast rather than river ballast. 25X1 25X1 25X1

4. Civilian workers at the Mezokovesd field were dissatisfied because many had been away from their families a long time and because their pay had not been raised to allow for the fact that they were away from their homes. They usually had to work 12 to 14 hours a day. MVD personnel were numerous at the airfield site and workers believed there were many MVD members among the labor force.

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[redacted] showing the Mezokovesd airfield area, 25X1

with the following numerical legend:

1. Test (Fuzes-eight).
2. Area from which sand was taken.
3. Sand
4. Management (Fuzes-eight).
5. Railroad connecting Mezokovesd and Sand (Lines-eight).

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Legend continued:

6. Mzmokeestee (474N-204E)

7. Road

8. Seentistvar (474N-204E)

9. Approximate position of runway

10. Airfield area (within broken line)

11. Mzmokoveed (474N-204E)

12. Road

- end

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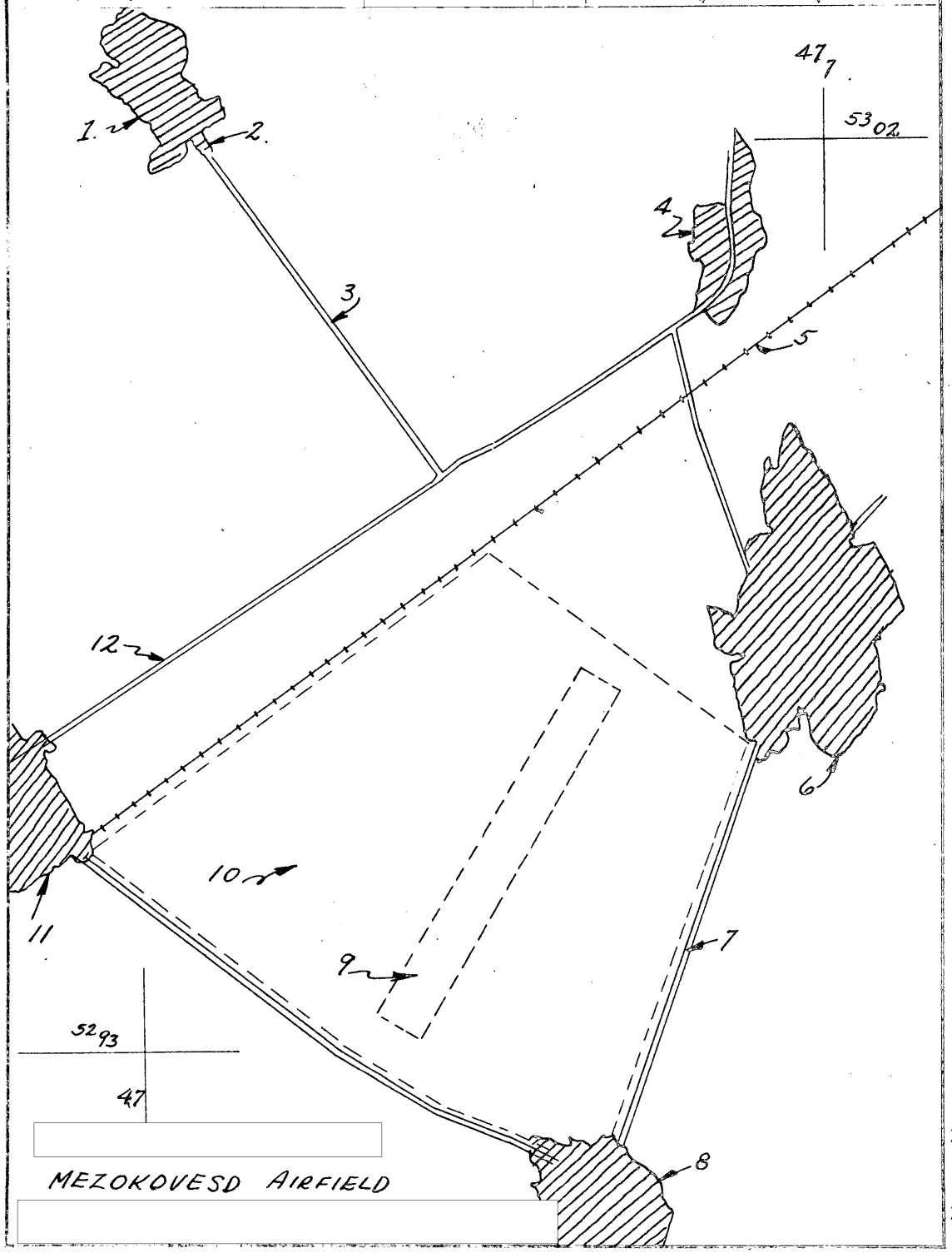

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